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SUBJECT: FRG/GREEK AGREEMENT FOR SETTLEMENT OF WW1 CLAIMS

REF: STATE A-6966, SEPTEMBER 6, 1974

1. EMBASSY OFFICER BRIEFLY DISCUSSED QUESTIONS IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF REFAIRGRAM WITH FONOFF REP (RUMPF) IN BELIEF THAT HE MIGHT HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF GREEK INTENTIONS IN ARTICLE 3 OF AGREEMENT. RUMPF STATED THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAD RAISED WITH THE FRG GOVERNMENT SIMILAR QUESTIONS WITH RESPECT TO SMALL NUMBER OF FORMER GREEK, NOW FRENCH, NATIONALS IN FRANCE HAVING SUBSTANTIAL CLAIMS. FRG TOOK POSITION THAT ULTIMATE DISTRIBUTION OF FRG CLAIM

PAYMENTS TO THE GREEK GOVERNMENT WAS MATTER FOR LATTER GOVERNMENT. APPARENTLY FRENCH THEREUPON REQUESTED AND RECEIVED SATISFACTORY ASSURANCES FROM GREEK GOVERNMENT THAT FRENCH NATIONAL CLAIMANTS WOULD BE NOTIFIED OF THEIR RIGHTS UNDER FRG/GREEK AGREEMENT IN SOME MANNER UNKNOWN TO RUMPF. RUMPF DID SAY THAT ARTICLE 3 LANGUAGE "GREEK CITIZENS . . . OR THEIR SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNEES" WAS DRAFTED TO BE AS BROAD IN ITS COVERAGE AS POSSIBLE.

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2. EMBASSY DOUBTS THAT INQUIRY TO GREEK EMBASSY AT BONN

WOULD QUICKLY PRODUCE RELIABLE OR DEFINITIVE ANSWER TO
QUESTIONS IN PARA 2 OF REFAIRGRAM. AS INDICATED BONN'S
A-357 OF JULY 16, FRG FONOFF BY NOTE VERBALE OF JULY 4
REQUESTED U.S. APPROVAL OF FRG/GREEK AGREEMENT; GREEK
EMBASSY MERELY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN EARLY APPROVAL.
UNLESS THERE ARE OVERRIDING REASONS FOR NOT DOING SO,
WE SUGGEST THAT DEPARTMENT INSTRUCT EMBASSY ATHENS
TO MAKE WRITTEN OR INFORMAL INQUIRY TO GREEK FOREIGN
OFFICE CONCERNING THESE QUESTIONS.

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